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For: NOVEL HUMAN DICKKOPF-PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND USES THEREFOR

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Applicant requests a four-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated May 7, 2001. In lieu of a response, Applicant is filing on even date herewith a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Enclosed is a check for \$1,440.00 which covers the appropriate extension fee based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Acid Molecules and Uses Therefor

Inventor: Sean A. McCarthy Filing Date: March 5, 1999

Our Reference: MNI-108CP2 (formerly MEI-008CP2)

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I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- 1. Request for Four-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
- 2. Check for \$1440.00 (extension fee); and
- 3. Return-Receipt Postcard.

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